

he published *Simple Solutions: Harness the Power of Passion and Simplicity to Get Results* with FedEx's Tom Schmitt about best practices in business leadership. Mr. Perl founded the law firm Young and Perl, was a partner in the law firm Ford and Harrison, and he later became a member of the law firm Glankler Brown. Memphis has lost a fine leader. I extend my condolences to his wife Mary Lynn, his daughters Stephanie Perl Marks and Laurie Perl Meskin and their husbands, his extended family and his many friends.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
BRADFORD FREEMAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Bradford Freeman, a member of the Greatest Generation and a true hero. He belonged to Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment under the 101st Airborne Division, also known as Easy Company. Their exploits were memorialized in the HBO mini-series "Band of Brothers."

Mr. Freeman was born in Mississippi on September 4, 1924. He started his freshman year at Mississippi State University before enlisting in the Army in December of 1942. He finished his freshman year and reported in April 1943. He first reported to Camp Shelby, and then Fort McClellan for 13 weeks of basic training. He trained as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Georgia. In North Carolina, he joined the 541st which evolved into the 101st.

After midnight on D-Day, nineteen-year-old Freeman made his first combat jump. On June 5, 1944 he boarded a C-47, among a fleet of 87 aircraft, and travelled across the English channel over Normandy. German anti-aircrafts broke the soldier's silence. He jumped from the aircraft at 200 miles per hour, 100 miles per hour faster than normal jump speed. Freeman landed safely and was assigned to guard a crossroads near the Breccourt Manor farm, where the battalion would later take out four German artillery pieces. He heard Navy shells flying overhead towards targets further inland.

Freeman served for two years, 11 months and 20 days in the United States Army and left the service as a private first class. He returned home to his family on December 2, 1945. He reunited with his childhood friend Willie Gurley, and the two were married in 1947. They had two daughters, Beverly Clark and Rebecca Louis. After over 60 years of marriage, Willie passed away in 2008. After returning from war, Mr. Freeman returned to farming. He loved to hunt, fish, and sit on his front porch.

I am deeply grateful for Bradford Freeman's lifetime of service to this country and the state of Mississippi. His sacrifices will never be forgotten, and his service always revered.

ADDRESSING THE SITUATION IN
KAZAKHSTAN CONCERNING
KLEPTOCRACY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity today to recognize the importance of the bilateral relationship between the United States and Kazakhstan. Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the United States, on December 25, 1991, was the first country to recognize Kazakhstan's independence. Thereafter, the Clinton Administration facilitated the entry of Kazakh oil to the world market via the CPC export pipeline. American companies were the first to enter the Kazakh economy but were soon pushed aside from the most attractive projects, such as Chinese companies which have invariably won international tenders for privatized assets.

I rise today to express my growing concern over an article published by author Tom Burgis. The article contains information surrounding leaked documents that indicate the former Kazakh president's son-in-law, Timur Kulibayev, designed a scheme that would result in him receiving tens of millions of dollars from contracts related to a multibillion-dollar gas pipeline between Central Asia and China.

The Asia Gas Pipeline project was to accelerate a shift of economic power from the West to the East. Built jointly by Kazakhstan and China, these pipelines would stretch around 2000 miles and be funded by Chinese loans. "The first two lines would cost \$7.5bn, with a third to follow for some \$3bn and a fourth after that."

Author Tom Burgis states, "Mr. Kulibayev, who has served on the Russian energy giant's board since 2011, is the son-in-law of the former Kazakh president and has wide-ranging business interests, from banking to mining and real estate. As one of the most powerful officials in the country, he oversaw the state companies that awarded contracts to build the pipelines across Kazakhstan. Emails sent between 2008 and 2014 and leaked by a whistleblower contain detailed descriptions of a set-up that it appears would allow Mr. Kulibayev to receive a share of the profits from pipeline contracts granted to ETK, a company owned by Russian businessman Alexander Karmanov."

This is not Timur Kulibayev's first time coming to the attention of the West. In 2007, it was revealed that he was the mystery buyer of a multimillion-dollar Sunninghill Park estate that the Queen had given Prince Andrew as a wedding present. He also has faced money-laundering allegations in a Swiss case, which was eventually dropped.

The United States currently spends about \$115 million a year on global anti-corruption programs. Unfortunately, many of the funds we put toward anti-corruption efforts get trapped in multi-year technical programs that are unable to respond nimbly to sudden opportunities for governance reform. If the United States does intervene, authoritarian kleptocrats will gain ground. The United States needs to be proactive in developing strategic relationships and agile programs that will keep us relevant in moments of historic opportunity.

Recently, U.S. Senator BEN CARDIN (D-Md.) and Senator ROGER WICKER (R-Miss.), incoming Chair of the U.S. Helsinki Commission and Co-Chair, respectively, introduced the Countering Russian and Other Overseas Kleptocracy (CROOK) Act to upgrade America's anti-corruption efforts by targeting kleptocracy at the source. The CROOK Act would create an anticorruption action fund to help activists leverage public sentiment to achieve lasting reform, without any additional cost to taxpayers. The fund would be financed through a \$5 million surcharge on entities found liable for \$50 million or more in criminal fines and penalties under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Based on data from the last 10 years, this bill would put an additional \$16 million per year toward global anti-corruption work. Funds would continue to accrue until a historic window of opportunity opens, at which point funds would be rapidly deployed to help establish the rule of law.

Fighting corruption is an imperative for the United States. As a beacon of liberty and the rule of law, it is our duty and the purest expression of our values. It is also a highly practical form of soft power that advances our national security. As Kazakhstan is aspiring to be a strategic partner of the United States, I call on my colleagues to join me in urging the Biden Administration to review this case of kleptocracy and corrupt officials from Kazakhstan and assure that it will be included in our Government's discussions regarding this important part of the world.

HONORING SAM AND ARLENE
DANIELS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. Sam Daniels from Wellington, Kentucky.

Sam and Arlene Daniels visited in Kentucky in 1999. The trip resulted in the purchase of a home and a move to rural Menifee County. This move placed them on a path that led to assisting people in need by feeding the hungry in their area.

In 2001, Arlene Daniels was called by God to start a food pantry at their church, Dayspring. Her sister-in-law donated \$2500 to help start the pantry in memory of Sam's brother Albert Daniels. Pastor Andy Timblin shared the food pantry idea with the congregation and a visitor offered a \$1,000 donation. On May 14, 2001, the Dayspring Food Pantry became a reality.

For twenty years, community support and grants have brought much needed funds to the Dayspring Food Pantry. The pantry now helps over 400 families a month and has community partnerships with senior citizens, schools, churches, and other agencies to lend a hand to those in need. The Daniels have served as directors of the pantry since its beginning. Led by their strong faith, Brother Sam Daniels and Sister Arlene Daniels have impacted their community for generations to come.

On the 20th anniversary of the founding of Dayspring Food Pantry, it is my honor to recognize these amazing people and thank them

for their leadership, their dedication, and their compassion for others. Sam and Arlene Daniels are real difference makers for people in Menifee County and an inspiration to us all.

AMERICA'S STRENGTH LIES IN
THE RISE OF PROFILES OF
COURAGE WHEN THEY ARE
MOST NEEDED

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I am a proud progressive Texas Democrat in the tradition of the late Governor Ann Richards and my predecessors Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland so it may hurt more than help them to say that Congresswoman LIZ CHENEY of Wyoming, the third-ranking Republican in the House, Senator MITT ROMNEY, the 2012 Republican standard-bearer, and President George W. Bush, the last Republican president to amass a popular vote majority, exceed 50 percent in approval ratings, and win reelection all have my undying respect for the manner in which they have stood steadfast in defense of the Constitution, the country, and their principles in the face of brutal, withering, and unwarranted attack by their party's leadership and rank and file.

All of them have repeatedly rejected and denounced publicly, unequivocally, and fiercely the Republican "Big Lie" that the 2020 presidential election was stolen and rife with fraud. They are modern-day profiles in courage.

They all embody John F. Kennedy's dictum that "sometimes party loyalty demands too much."

Like many Members of Congress, in the course of my service I have found often that vigorous debate and acceptance of different views, if allowed to be heard, can result in socially transformative and life-affirming legislation, such as the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the 1994 Violence Against Women Act.

Some might think it surprising for a member of an opposing party to go against the convention of non-interference when one's adversary is in the process of inflicting harm upon itself.

I have chosen to ignore this convention because I am a firm believer in the promise of a more perfect union.

And I believe in America and its future.

Our children listen to and absorb what we say and do.

We cannot let them see the brutalization of voices that are telling the truth about January 6 and the attack on the Citadel of Democracy without defending those voices.

I believe these persons are patriots and I join them in my affection for the written values of this nation evidenced in our Constitution.

I am a constitutional patriot who believes Bush, ROMNEY, CHENEY have put America first.

Congresswoman CHENEY, the House Republican Conference Chair, has drawn fire for being unrelenting in her defense of constitutional government and for not backing down one iota from her claim that the domestic insurrection led by terrorists who stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, for the avowed purpose of disrupting Congress from

performing its constitutionally mandated duty to tally the votes cast by presidential electors and announce the results to the nation and the world was the intentional result of Donald Trump's handiwork:

The President of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack. Everything that followed was his doing. None of this would have happened without the President. The President could have immediately and forcefully intervened to stop the violence. He did not. There has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution.

We cannot ignore the fact that these domestic terrorists were intending to kill officers of the Congress, the Vice-President, other Members, and law enforcement officers if need be.

Sen. ROMNEY of Utah, a state carried by Trump by more than 20 percentage points and the 2012 Republican presidential nominee, is the only Republican senator who voted to convict and remove Trump from office for high crimes and misdemeanors. Twice.

Former President George W. Bush was one of the first Republicans to congratulate President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect KAMALA HARRIS on their election victory and has stated that the GOP is embarking on a "suicide path" with its adherence to the Big Lie and flirtation with the idea of forming a congressional "Anglo-Saxon Caucus."

More Republican leaders are needed to join this "Chorus of the Courageous," to put country over party, and to do their part to preserve and keep real the American boast that this is a land of government of, by, and for the people.

At several moments in our Nation's past, men and women of principle, courage, and unyielding commitment to the Nation's founding ideals have stood forward at moments of maximum peril and danger in defense of the country's enduring values and principles.

Men like Congressman L. Brooks Hayes of Arkansas, who alienated powerful governor Orval E. Faubus during the 1957 integration crisis when he refused to support Faubus' effort to keep the Little Rock public schools racially segregated.

Or like U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., U.S. House Minority Leader John Rhodes, R-Ariz., and U.S. Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott, R-Pa., who went to the White House to tell Richard Nixon, the winner of one of the greatest landslide victories in history, that he must resign, or he would be impeached by the House of Representatives and convicted by the Senate.

Or women like U.S. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, the first woman to serve both the House and the Senate and the first Republican senator to denounce the demagogue Sen. Joe McCarthy during the height of the Red Scare. In her famous "Declaration of Conscience" speech to the Senate, she said:

"Those of us who shout the loudest about Americanism in making character assassinations are all too frequently those who, by our own words and acts, ignore some of the basic principles of Americanism." [. . .]

"It is high time we stopped thinking politically as Republicans and Democrats about elections and started thinking patriotically as Americans about national security based on individual freedom."

In perpetuating Trump's Big Lie, Republican leaders are cravenly choosing narrow partisan interests over the national interest.

They are rejecting the wisdom of the founding father of conservatism, the English statesman Sir Edmund Burke, who said:

[The national state] is to be looked on with other reverence; because it is not a partnership in things subservient only to the gross animal existence of a temporary and perishable nature. It is a partnership in all science; a partnership in all art; a partnership in every virtue, and in all perfection. As the ends of such a partnership cannot be obtained in many generations, it becomes a partnership not only between those who are living, but between those who are living, those who are dead, and those who are to be born.

Burke understood, as did conservative statesmen, political leaders, and scholars that an elected official's duty was not simply to be an "instructed delegate," parroting and following their constituents' temporary and inchoate passions, but also to be an "enlightened trustee" bringing experience and judgment to elevate and inform the public discourse and understanding.

What is needed today is a semblance of the will and courage of Abraham Lincoln, the greatest Republican of all. In his famous 1860 Cooper Union Address, Lincoln exhorted and inspired adherents to hold true to their beliefs in equality and that slavery was a moral evil:

What will convince that we do not threaten their property? This and this only: cease to call slavery wrong and join them in calling it right. All they ask, we can grant, if we think slavery right. All we ask, they can grant if they think it wrong. Right and wrong is the precise fact upon which depends the whole controversy. Thinking it wrong, as we do, can we yield?

Let us not grope for some middle ground between right and wrong. Let us not search in vain for a policy of don't care on a question about which we do care. Nor let us be frightened by threats of destruction to the government.

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty[.]

This is the moral and political courage that is so conspicuous by its absence in Republican leaders today. America's strength lies in the ability of everyone—Democrats, Republicans, and independents—to speak truth loudly and proudly in the face of adversity, and to power.

HONORING ERIC MCCLURE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Eric Wayne McClure of Abingdon, Virginia, who died on May 2, 2021 at the age of 42. Mr. McClure was a longtime NASCAR driver and owner.

Mr. McClure was born on December 11, 1978 and was a native of Chilhowie, Virginia. Racing was part of his family: his uncle Larry was an owner of the Morgan-McClure Motorsports team. Eric McClure graduated from Emory & Henry College. He began his racing career in 2003; throughout its duration, he made 288 starts in the Xfinity Series and three